

Weds June 14, 2000

COMMUNICATION

TO CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

File No.99-0355

FROM: COUNCIL MEMBER CINDY MISCIKOWSKI, CHAIR  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Public Comments Yes No  
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COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 52.34 relative to regulation of private security services.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Chick - Alatorre - Hernandez):

PRESENT and ADOPT accompanying ORDINANCE amending Section 52.34 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code related to regulation of private security services.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Summary:

Motion (Chick - Alatorre - Hernandez) requested the Police Commission to report back on Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 52.34 - Private Patrol Service, and whether it could be modified to coincide with the goals and objectives in creating Business Improvement Districts (BID) and to have the Commission cease any enforcement efforts against the Downtown BID and its private patrol services in the interim.

The Downtown Center BID established a private patrol service and provided it with uniforms in the BID's theme colors. The Police Commission, which regulates private patrols, put the Downtown Center BID on notice for failure to comply with the Boards rules and regulations. Specifically, the Commission's rules require that private patrol uniforms be grey in color. Additionally, the BID needed to pay the required City permit fees.

Under LAMC Section 52.34, it makes it unlawful to engage in the business of maintaining or operating any private patrol service in the City without first obtaining a permit as required by the State of California and a permit with the City.

The Ordinance, amended on March 22, 1976, gave the Police Commission power to charge fees, require a surety bond and determine the appropriate uniform, equipment, badges, insignia, weapons, ammunition and motor vehicle.

The Board also has the authority to make additional rules. BID's came into existence subsequent to the enactment of the Ordinance and Rules. It is the contention of BID's that State law exempts them from regulation and that the Police Commission should not have the right to approve uniforms.

In a May 20, 1999 report, the City Attorney recommended that the current ordinance be amended to eliminate any provisions that contradict state law.

At a special meeting of the Public Safety Committee on May 24, 1999, the Chair of the Committee recommended that the City Attorney prepare a draft ordinance to make the necessary changes to LAMC Section 52.34.

The City Attorney in a July 16, 1999 report asked for additional time to respond to meet with representatives of the State in order to clarify issues raised by a letter submitted by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

The Public Safety Committee at its November 15, 1999 meeting considered the matter and instructed the City Attorney to prepare the ordinance.

In its March 31, 2000 report, the City Attorney drafted an ordinance amending LAMC Section 52.34 making the appropriate deletions and additions to eliminate duplication and/or conflict with the California Business and Professions Code.

The Board of Police Commissioners at its April 25, 2000 meeting, approved the City Attorney's draft ordinance, and additionally approved amendments to the Board Rules and Regulations governing Private Patrol Services.

At a special meeting held May 22, 2000, the Chair of the Public Safety Committee recommended approval of the draft ordinance and now forwards the matter to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Council Member Cindy Miscikowski, Chair  
Public Safety Committee

MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATION

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**ADOPTED**

JUN 20 2000

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Ordinance  
Adopted

COUNCIL VOTE

20-Jun-00 10:49:55 AM, #9

ITEM NO. (36)

Voting on Item(s): 36

Roll Call

BERNSON	Yes
CHICK	Absent
FEUER	Yes
*GALANTER	Yes
GOLDBERG	Yes
HERNANDEZ	Yes
HOLDEN	Yes
MISCIKOWSKI	Yes
PACHECO	Yes
PADILLA	Yes
RIDLEY-THOMAS	Yes
SVORINICH	Yes
WACHS	Yes
WALTERS	Absent
FERRARO	Absent
Present: 12, Yes: 12 No: 0	

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
 Report/Communication for Signature

File Number 99-0355  
 Meeting Date 5-22-00  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSENT
MEMBER MISCIKOWSKI, CHAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
MEMBER PACHECO			
MEMBER WACHS			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
SUGGESTED NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL ACTION

Council File No. 99-0353

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chief Legislative Analyst	(Mail Stop 136)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Controller	(Mail Stop 183)
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